



Club Kosher comes to Aruba

Club Kosher is not a new kosher restaurant about to open in Aruba, but the travel management group made up of Daniel Levine and Charles Rosenay of New Haven, Connecticut. As you can guess, their specialty is kosher vacations that pay strict attention and cater to those that observe the Jewish dietary laws laid down in the bible and interpreted in the Talmud. Danny and Charles have spent years arranging such vacations for individuals and families for whom this is of utmost importance, and they report that this year's Passover package, spent at the Wyndham Aruba Resort, Spa & Casino is "the finest vacation we have ever arranged for our clients. In every way, we are happier with Aruba, and the service of the Wyndham than we have been with any other location in the past. The island is a paradise, the people are hospitable and more than accommodating, and the service at the Wyndham in particular is the finest we have ever seen."

The ClubKosher.com team see to their guests every need no matter how stringently they observe the rules of the Jewish faith, from the very to not so strict. The 2006 program attracted over 200 vacationers to the island who enjoyed gourmet kosher cuisine, strictly Kosher for Passover under the rabbinical supervision of Rabbi Moshe Avila of Koach Kosher Los Angeles. The Wyndham resort converted an entire kitchen to accommodate the group's dietary requirements, and Executive Chef Don Rex saw to it that meals were not only kosher, but also delicious. Elan Kornblum, publisher of the international magazine "Great Kosher Restaurants" was also very impressed, and will feature this year's event in his publication.

The Club Kosher guests enjoyed not only their Passover meals, but days of activities including those demanded by the holiday ritual such as the search for and burning of Chometz (food that is not allowed during the eight days of Passover.) These required activities became exciting and involving as conducted by Club Kosher and their crew.

Rabbi Dr. Ari Korinblit of New York City conducted religious services every morning and evening, and the entire hotel had been blessed for the eight-day event. Lovely young volunteers from Israel, Yael and Debi supervised a kids camp for the children everyday, keeping them busy with stimulating activities and water sports. Nighttime events included musical recitals, Karaoke, and of course, the nightly Seders, which were multi-coursed gourmet meals combined with the joyful services that punctuate the Passover holiday.

A final farewell banquet extravaganza allowed the participants to enjoy bread again for the first time after eight days of only eating matzoh, the unleavened bread required by the bible during the Passover holiday. It was a sumptuous feast, and attendees dance the night away to the traditional music of the Sephardic sect of Judaism, as performed by Cantors David and Yisroel of Brooklyn, New York.

A final Shabbat dinner marked the end of the two week stay for most of the island visitors, who look forward to returning next year. Daniel and Charles feel they have found the ideal location for their annual excursion, and are already making plans for Passover next year, not in Jerusalem, but in Aruba!